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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 9, 2006, Applicants resubmit the Amendment filed on May 2, 2006. In the Amendment filed on May 2, 2006, the markings showing the changes made to the specification and the claims may have inadvertently been omitted from the printed version. The presently resubmitted Amendment includes the required markings. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the resubmitted Amendment.

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#### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2005, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. Appropriate consideration by the Patent Office is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 8 of this paper.